

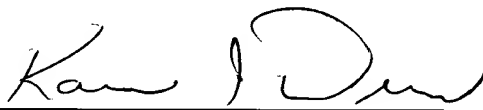
Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Preliminary Amendment. If a telephone conference would in any way expedite allowance of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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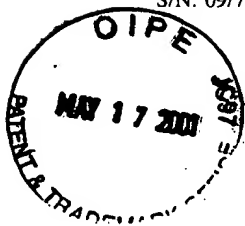
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Attachment — VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE



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1. (AMENDED) A low depth nestable display crate for [six-pack] bottle carriers comprising:

a floor for supporting the bottle carriers; and

a [doubled thickness] wall structure having endwalls and sidewalls extending around the periphery of said floor and comprising

a lower wall portion including [a solid] an exterior surface along said sidewalls, [and] the lower wall portion further including interior bottle carrier support surfaces connected to said floor,

[an] a double thickness upper wall portion comprising spaced tooth members extending upward from said lower wall portion and defining display openings between said tooth members along said sidewalls, wherein said display openings are sized to reveal labels on the bottle carriers for displaying the bottle carriers in a loaded crate, and

a handle bar integrally molded with said tooth members along said endwalls and said lower wall portion[, said handle bar configured for complete clearance above and below said handle bar] defining a cut-out, said cut-out providing said handle bar complete clearance below said handle bar, and complete clearance above said handle bar from a stacked crate thereabove, and provide sufficient clearance between said handle bar and the bottle carriers loaded in said crate to enable a user's hand [user] to [grasp] encircle said handle bar [in a palm-up or palm down orientation].

3. (AMENDED) The crate of claim 1, wherein said interior bottle carrier support surfaces [surface] of said lower wall portion have openings disposed therebetween [includes an alternating arrangement of interior panels connected to said floor and cut-outs].